Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—The opening of a Dairy Farm is under consideration. So it will be very difficult to get animals as soon as we want to open Dairy Farms. So we keep a fair number for a Dairy Farm.

Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar—Why not the bulls be distributed to the different parts of the State?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There is no harm in distribution. The present arrangement is that to those who come forward for keeping good bulls the Government will give grants. Unless there is special sanction for keeping bulls at Government cost in all the Taluks it will not be possible to distribute them. Of course, wherever there is sanction they are maintained.

Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

4. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Cochin Darbar has taken any part in the deliberations of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details be given regarding their activities in the matter till now;

(c) have Cochin received any advice on agricultural matters from the Council;

(d) if so, what are they and how far they have been utilised by the people?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) Yes. The Superintendent attended the Advisory Board Meetings held in February and July, 1935.

(b), (c) and (d). The subject of improving palm jaggery manufacture was referred to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the opinion of the Sugar Technologist taken. A leaflet on the improved method of manufacturing palm jaggery was then got prepared and published in the Government Gazette. Spare copies have been widely distributed.

A scheme for the investigation of the cocoanut leaf disease in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk was sent to the Council and it was adopted by the Council.

The report of Dr. Patel on the enquiry of cocoanut was referred to a Sub-Committee and their report taken up for discussion during February Session of the meeting. The Directors of Agriculture, Madras and Travancore and the Superintendent

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of Agriculture, Cochin, impressed upon the Council the importance of cocoanut cultivation in Malabar, Cochin and Travancore and pointed out the urgent necessity of improving the condition of the starving millions who chiefly earn their living on cocoanut industry. The Council unanimously passed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee for enhanced tariff duty for cocoanut and cocoanut products.

The Superintendent of Agriculture also took part in the discussion of schemes submitted by other Governments in order to have an idea of the results of such investigations which will be of great help to our State in promoting the agricultural welfare of the country. The Bombay Agricultural Department brought in a scheme for the investigation of Mahali disease on arecanuts. The Superintendent of Agriculture strongly supported the scheme for investigation of this virulent disease, since it prevails in certain parts of our State as well.

During the meeting of the Marketing Board the draft synopsis and questionnaire were prepared and discussed under the guidance of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. Soon after the meeting steps were taken to start the Marketing survey and it is in progress.

The papers on agricultural matters received from the Council are being studied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Government said that the opinion of the Suguar Technologist was taken. What was done after taking the opinion. Was anything done?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—In this connection I beg to bring to the notice of the House that spare copies have been freely circulated through the Excise Department also.

It was on the strength of that opinion that the leaflet was prepared and circulated.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this leaflet regarding sugar?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is regarding palm jaggery.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was done with his opinion on sugar?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Nothing was done with regard to sugar.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Has the improved method of manufacturing jaggery been given a trial?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes. It was given a trial and then only the samples were sent

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—So, I think the trial was given before receipt of the opinion.

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Our suggestions were more or less the same. We were asked to submit the nature of the methods and the improvements that the Department would suggest.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—May I know how the cost of manufacture here would compare with the cost of manufacture in British India?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—According to the present method it is cheaper here because we are using cheap fuel, for the manufacture of jaggery. Ours is cheaper.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Here it is stated "The Council unanimously passed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee for enhanced tariff duty for cocoanut and cocoanut products". May I know whether any duty was enhanced?

Mr. President.—The tariff on cocoanut was enhanced by the Government of India.

Rural Libraries.

5. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Rural Libraries aided by Government in the State;

(b) how many fresh applications have they received for starting new Libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) There are at present 9 Village Libraries aided by Government.

(b) 7.

Mr I. N. Menon.—Mr. President, there is a printing mistake. I may be allowed to correct and read. There are no libraries aided. All the village libraries are managed by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Do they propose to open new libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. Five libraries are to be opened this year.

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